

NEWSY ITEMS FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Allen News: Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Le-mox are the parents of a baby girl which arrived May 7th.

Foster items in Pierce Call: H. A. Monroe, of Sioux City, was looking after the Edwards & Bradford Lumber Co. interests here last Friday. He is one of the auditors.

Ponca Journal: The Butler boys and family visited over Sunday with Rev. Draise at Dakota City. P. F. Hasse, Herman and Carl Stecker and Mr. Stallbaum of Emerson, were here Tuesday.

Sioux City Tribune, 15: Mrs. Inez Lillie and children, who spent the winter months at the home of Mrs. Lillie's mother, Mrs. Rosa Stinson, has departed for her home at Max-bas, N. D.

Wakefield Republican: Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Feauto, and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Shearer and daughter Twila, of Emerson, were visitors at the J. R. Feauto home Sunday. Mrs. Louis Cooley of Lincoln, and Mrs. Mason of Walthill came Saturday for a week's visit with Mrs. Cooley's mother, Mrs. Spencer, and also her sisters, Mrs. Ben Chase and Mrs. George and Frank Barto.

Dixon Journal: Last week posts along the Grant highway were painted. Earl Meek of Allen took the job of painting the posts between Laurel and South Sioux City. They are being painted yellow, black and yellow. We understand that Waterbury is on the highway, therefore a turn is taken at a five miles east of Allen into the old White and Blue highway again at Willis and thence on the old Blue and White into Sioux City.

Walthill Citizen: Earl Peters played ball with the Homer team last Sunday. R. L. Mason and wife of Rosalie, were Walthill visitors last Friday. Dr. Nina Smith of Homer, made a professional call here Tuesday. Mrs. W. H. Mason returned Monday from a few days visit at Wakefield. Geo. H. Larson received word from his son George who is at Excelsior Springs, Mo., that he has been taking baths every day and feels good enough to start and walk home.

Sioux City Journal, 16: W. J. Armour, jr. for the past year connected with the Buckwalter Real Estate agency, has severed his connection with the firm and has accepted a position with the Ed M. Hunt real estate agency. Thomas M. Salsgiver, of Sioux City, was sentenced to six months in jail at Lincoln, Neb., yesterday after he pleaded guilty to the charge of violating the Mann act. He admitted transporting Pearl Freese, from Marysville, Kan., to Lincoln. He stated that he intended to marry the girl, but could not wait until his wife got a divorce.

Emerson Enterprise: Miss Clara Blume, of South Sioux City, spent the week-end with home folks. Mr. and Mrs. Leeb Wagner motored to Homer and back Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Marie Stallbaum underwent a serious operation at St. Joseph's hospital in Sioux City Saturday morning. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. McEntaffer, and sister, Mrs. Holcamp, of Carroll, went to the city

Monday to see her. Miss Emma Voss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Voss, was married Wednesday, May 5th, in Sioux City to Charles Hinz. They were accompanied to the city by the bride's mother, Mrs. Voss, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lenderink. Otto Keock, who formerly lived near Emerson, but now resides nine miles east of Emerson, was in town last Thursday, he having business here that required his personal attention. Mr. Keock has grown prosperous and is one of Dakota county's progressive farmers. Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Church, of Homer spent Sunday in Emerson with the family of Mr. and Mrs. John Church. Frank Church is a brother of John Church and Mrs. Charles Rockwell and Mrs. Clyde Myers.

Sioux City Journal, 5: The temporary restraining order issued by the Burlington and Omaha railroads against the South Sioux City paving project, was dismissed in the federal court at Omaha yesterday. The hearing was held before Judge Woodrow, who decided in favor of the city. The contract for the paving was awarded to the Beebe company, of Omaha, at the council meeting last Friday, but was not signed because of the injunction issued to the railroads. The contract will be signed and work will begin within ten days or two weeks. The body of a boy found in the Missouri river near Homer, Neb., Tuesday afternoon was positively identified as that of Harold Melot, 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Melot, 810 1/2 Bluff street, by the boy's father at Homer, Neb., yesterday morning. The body was claimed by identification of the clothes, which correspond in every detail with the clothing worn by the Melot boy at the time of his drowning, March 10. The body was returned to the Westcott undertaking parlors last night. Funeral services will be held at Graceland Park chapel tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Burial will be held there.

TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT SHORTAGE THREATENED
The telephone company has been having much trouble recently getting enough apparatus and supplies to install telephones and telephone equipment.

This situation, telephone officials say, has resulted from two causes: There is a nationwide scarcity of raw products, especially wood, paper and metals, the principal materials used in making telephone supplies. Also there is an unusual demand for telephone service throughout the country, which has continued for nearly two years.

Because of the shortage of raw materials and the heavy demand for telephone supplies, the factories are unable to furnish telephone instruments, wire, switchboard parts and other equipment as fast as needed.

The telephone company is making every effort to take care of requests for the installation of telephones or changes in equipment as promptly as possible, but Manager F. H. Forrest says that at times there is likely to be considerable delay.

The telephone company is asking that it be notified as early as possible when a new telephone is wanted or when any change in equipment is desired.

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THE SOCIALIST PLATFORM

(Written for The Herald by Rev. C. R. Lowe.)

There are two things we will have to hand to the socialists. They are the first of the political parties with their platforms, and there is no mistaking the fact they know what they want. They know pretty well how they would attempt to get it if they had a chance. Their difficulties are three: There are a lot of people who do not want what they want, many do not think they could get it the way they expect to get it, and the facts and experience of applied socialism do not witness to the successful working out of their schemes.

What a time they had at New York the other day! There was the radical wing and the conservative wing. They fought for a good while. Hilquit of Chicago headed the conservatives, Engdahl of Chicago and others were radical. They all shouted for the radicals and "Brothers" of Europe. From what we know of the brothers in Europe and their doings, we are constrained immediately to say our American socialists are certainly lined up with an enterprising bunch, successful in nothing but destruction and anarchy.

The radicals did not like the Hilquit platform, they thought it was but a lot of fine phrases, and not in harmony with anything from across the waters. Judging from what the conservative platform is and what we think of it, it would be an interesting revelation and may be a startling one to know what the radicals "demand."

Among other things, is a "demand" that the country and its wealth be redeemed from the control of the private interests and turned over to the people to be administered for the benefit of all. That really is a catchy phrase. How would Engdahl clarify it? Just take everything away from everybody and divide it up equally with all. What more could Engdahl want in this line? There is no one, recently at least, who has experimented with this sort of thing more than Lenin and Trotsky. They have found that under the system, men will not work. The first idea was that the capitalists would have to work like the rest, but the outcome seems to be that laborers are taking a rest and doing nothing more than the capitalists did, and still expecting the system to work and the government to supply food and clothing when there is none to produce. They have also found that their labor classes leak out into the profiteer classes and become capitalists insofar as they can and escape detection and keep their money. We would be profoundly interested to know even the plan Hilquit has for escapement of the present conditions in Russia, or anywhere soviet rule touched.

"The socialist party, when in control, proposes to reorganize the government so as to change it from a tool of repression into an instrument of social service." We presume to help them wrest every man's property away from him under guise of law, and give them free rein to do as they please. Even in this country their history is not altogether savory, and they cannot show the public they do not stand for anarchy and riot; and what might we expect if they had no repression? For me give me what we now have with all

its shortcomings. If we would know what would be the outcome, glance down the list to this: "The socialists emphatically reject the fraudulent notion of patriotism." Shades of Nathan Hale! We are almost of the opinion the New York legislature did the right thing in refusing the socialist members a seat if they subscribe to such doctrine as this.

"The socialist party promises to make family life fuller, nobler and happier by removing the sordid factor of economic dependence of woman on man." We are for anything that will accomplish all this. The family strife, and hellish unhappiness in so many homes as we have in the land where 8 1/2 per cent of the marriages result in divorce needs correction. We are for it. We would like to know the method to be pursued. We wonder if they have tried it out in their own homes, in the socialist party. Not knowing, we would not ask the question. We do not think they have. The fullest and best family life is under the mutual dependence of husband and wife, and not in their independence. If you keep in touch with the newspapers, and the news of divorces, you will see at once that the larger number of them come from the proletariat class, and that is what they profess to be. If they cannot accomplish anything within their own ranks, the pot does not need to call the kettle black, even though it is. Most of us will wait till they have accomplished something for themselves before we will put ourselves under their moral care.

In their principles they recognize the bourgeoisie are intellectually and spiritually dominant. If we want a brainy man for president, and an able one, why should we not have the country run by a party which has those candidates to make up its policies. And if there is any political doubt as to the mental qualities we declare it is proven by the political astuteness of the party who nominates Eugene V. Debs for president of the United States, a man however good and virtuous and however sinned against in federal prison, and is an absolute impossibility as a winner. That is martyrdom to a principle with a vengeance. Any other party would take into consideration the winning possibilities of the candidate.

We must not omit this. "The socialist transformation cannot be accomplished by political victories alone." What does that mean, when stripped to the hide, but revolt and armed rebellion as soon as they think they are able. Who would be tricked by the next paragraph or two? The socialist party seeks to attain its end by orderly and constitutional methods. Violence is not the weapon of socialism but the shortsighted method of the ruling classes. There are too many axes in this deck. These two paragraphs do not hang together. We do not believe in their desire for constitutional methods, and our opinion is based on their record, and their associations, and upon a lot of the men whom they have in their ranks. If they shout for the radicals of Russia they are training with the wrong crowd for lots of us. If they follow Emma Goldman and believe in her doctrines, lots of us cannot go with them; if their leaders, whom they themselves put forward, are doing time and are under sentence for treason to "Old Glory," we say "raus mit em." If they denounce patriotism, the rest of us must declare ours.

No socialism for us.

DAKOTA CITY SCHOOL NOTES

A. H. BRUNELLE, Principal

Those patrons of the school who went to the High School Auditorium last Thursday night, May 13th, were treated to a very delightful evening's entertainment, consisting of two plays, entitled "No Girls Admitted," and "Patty Saves the Day," with a negro talking sketch cleverly done by Messrs. Fueston and Anderson, and a specialty song, "Freckles," by Helen Smith, Gladys Frederick, George Berger and Lawrence Frederick. This last was accompanied by some amusing acting—amusing except for poor Freckles, whose ears were given rough usage as "they yanked him." "No Girls Admitted" portrays the ruse by which the girls did work their way into the meeting of the boys' secret club, even having the forethought to encase their feet in very masculine-looking foot-gear. In "Patty Saves the Day," we have an excellent representation of conditions attending upon the education of a time-honored school teacher—this particular one being the rivalry over the possession of the historic spade that dug the first shovel when founding a certain school; and the action is brought to a climax when the "Mouse," a hitherto rather inconspicuous person about the school, carries out a plan whereby the honor of her class is saved and which brings her the honor of being Queen of the May. This part was capably played by Geraldine Heikes. Ruth Orr, also, showed a pleasing ease of manner on the stage. Much care had been expended on the stage arrangements, in which the whole grammar room had a share, and especially Miss Elliott and three of her pupils—Arthur Seymour, Maurice Niemeyer and George Berger. A good audience greeted the efforts of the seventh and eighth graders, showing that Miss Elliott had found time for effective advertising, in the midst of her arduous labors in preparing the program.

Mrs. Elmer Larson, principal of the High School, entertained the senior class at dinner Monday evening, May 17th. Mrs. Larson's well-known hospitality does not need an elaborate explanation when Dakota City residents are concerned. This event was particularly significant, terminating, as it did, a long period of service to the young people of the community.

The High School picnic has been planned for Thursday, with the lake as the objective. Mildred Ream is chairman of the committee on arrangements. The pupils of the sixth grades planned their picnic for the same place, for Tuesday. As these notes were written, there was no way of knowing whether or not the weather would allow their plans to materialize.

The baccalaureate services were held Sunday morning in the Methodist church, the building having been pronounced safe for occupancy. Rev. S. A. Draise preached on the theme of the true values of life as revealed by the teachings of Jesus. Special music was furnished by a quartet comprising Mrs. Lean, Mrs. Schmied, Mr. Frum and Mr. Adair.

(By the Seniors, particularly J.O.C.) The banquet given by the Juniors for the Seniors at the home of James Graham, was certainly a howling success. (Note: observe the Senior dignity of expression.) A great time was enjoyed by everyone. The first part of the evening was spent in singing. As soon as a good appetite (an absolute necessity) was obtained, a delightful three-course dinner was served, which was greatly enjoyed by all. After the dinner there was more singing, but every-

one seemed to lack the pep which was noticed at first. Could it possibly be due to the banquet?

The latter part of the evening was spent in playing "Traveling," and most of us spent our time on the floor. After a long time even the most ignorant of us taught on and then we wondered why we were so slow to see through it. Much credit is due to those who planned and to those who carried out the plans of the party. Let us say in closing that we wish well for the Juniors and hope that they rise to the dignified and responsible position of Seniors next year. We thank you. Class of 1920.

Farm Bureau Field Notes

C. R. Young, County Agent

This week saw the dispersion of the last of the heifers for the Junior Club. All of these heifers came from herds which are among the best for their respective breeds. The Herefords were the first bought and came from the herd of A. Spooner & Son, of Mondamin, Iowa. These went to James Hartnett, Donald Hartnett, John Hartnett and William C. Hartnett, of Jackson; Ted Graham of Dakota City; George Beacom of Waterbury, and Warren Armour of Hubbard.

The Holsteins were purchased from Corwin Farms, Rock Valley, Iowa, and Rensink Brothers, Sheldon, Iowa. The boys getting these heifers all live in or near Dakota City. They are, Donald Ebel, Joe Culbertson, George Stading, John Stading, Maurice Niemeyer, John Blessing, Robert Blessing and Joseph Albenus. The Shorthorn heifers came from the herd of Held Brothers, Hinton, Iowa. They were dispersed to Ernest Sierk, Charles Beermann, Jr., Edwin Morgan, Jr., and Harry Larson, of Dakota City, and Joseph Daley and Philip Boyle of Jackson. Mr. G. F. Held was present at the dispersion of these heifers and made a talk to the boys, explaining the breeding of each animal and suggesting a method of feeding and handling to bring the best results.

Several members have already enrolled in the Pig Club. Indications are that the enrollment will be large.

Lutheran Church Notes

By Rev. C. R. Lowe.

The young folks will meet for their church practice at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Culbertson next Saturday night.

The Ladies Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. Leslie Bliven Thursday, May 27, at 2:30 p. m. The serving committee is Mrs. Chas. Bliven, Mrs. Hugh Graham, Mrs. A. O. Sides and Mrs. Leslie Bliven. All the ladies and their friends are invited to be there for a good time. You are asked to be ready to tell about the oldest thing you have in your possession. It would be nice if you would bring the article if you can.

Spraying Saves Cherries and Plums

Spraying cherries and plums as soon as the shucks or withered blossoms fall from the young fruit and then twice more before the fruit ripens may mean a much larger crop, says the Nebraska College of Agriculture. Two or three bushels of cherries is a fair crop for a mature tree to produce when well cared for. Neglected, it will produce one-half to one bushel. The average plum tree would produce at least two bushels, but insects may destroy the entire crop. A combination of lime sulphur and arsenate of lead is recommended for a spray. The combination should consist of 2 1/2 to 3 pounds arsenate of lead or 1 1/2 to 2 pounds of arsenate of lead powder to 50 gallons of total solution. This should not be used on European or Japanese plums, or on peaches.

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